

REMARKS

Claims 44-45, and 47-51 are pending. Claims 28-43 and 46 have been canceled. Claims 44 and 48 have been amended. No new matter has been added. In the July 17, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 36-51 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner rejected claims 28-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,631,522 to Erdelyi ("the Erdelyi reference"). The Examiner rejected claims 37-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,828,809 to Chang ("the Chang reference"). The Examiner rejected claims 42-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Chang reference in view of the Erdelyi reference. The Examiner noted that claims 44-51 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 44 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and all other claims have been canceled, except those dependent from claim 44.

In rejecting claims 44-51 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the Examiner noted that claim 44 recited the limitation "said semantic temporal event" in lines 3, 14, and 16 and "the semantic temporal event" in lines 5,6, and 9. The Examiner noted insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation and suggested changing "semantic temporal events" in the first line of claim 44 to "a semantic temporal event." The Examiner's suggestion has been taken and claim 44, as amended, now recites "a semantic temporal event," in line 1, thereby overcoming the Examiner's rejection due to a lack of antecedent basis. The Examiner also noted that claim 46 was incomplete and

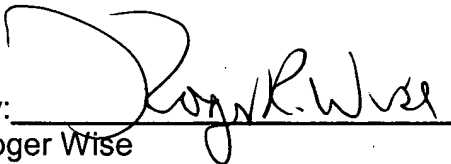
thus indefinite. Claim 46 has been canceled. Claim 48 has been amended and corrected for form.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

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